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## MR. REED SAYS RETRENCH

Memorial Bridge Will Therefore Not Materialize.

OTHER MEASURES HELD UP

Period Immediately Preceding a Presidential Campaign Is a Time for Economy.

There is seemingly a well-founded rumor in circulation on the House side of the Capitol to the effect that the proposed Memorial Bridge across the Potomac from Washington to Arlington will be swamped in the whirlpool of retrenchment.

Notwithstanding the passage of this bill by the Senate and its favorable report from the House Committee on Commerce, the general understanding prevails that this measure will die the death with thousands of other bills which will serve no purpose save to swell the calendar.

Chairman Hepburn has taken an especial interest in the proposed bridge and personally inspected both sides of the river to ascertain for himself its feasibility and necessity.

But \$600,000 as a total cost, or even \$100,000 to begin the work of construction, would attain enormously exaggerated proportions when viewed from the standpoint of strict economy. Hence the question of merit will have little or no saving weight. Even the declaration of Secretary Taft that the bridge is needed to facilitate the transportation of troops has no perceptible effect in this period of war and rumors of war.

DIES IN GOOD COMPANY.

But the Memorial Bridge, which has been struggling for recognition before every Congress since the days when Jackson was watching the erection of the Treasury Department, will die in good company. It will not alone suffer from the chilling blast of political expediency or mistaken parsimony.

The fact has been apparent since the assembling of Congress that the policy of the House would be one of retrenchment. The Senate, which does not change its personal habits, does not draw the line on every more matter of dollars and cents.

In this connection it is stated that the forthcoming river and harbor bill will not carry a dollar more than is necessary to continue the contract for improvements, without making any appropriations for beginning new work.

This will be very galling to the new member who is supposed to be death about his recommitment. Earlier in the session there were indications that this new element might revolt against the iron hand of sound reason and good sense, but by reason of increased expenditures over those of the last Democratic Congress.

REED DEMANDS ECONOMY. The program of Mr. Reed has from the outset been to keep appropriations down to the lowest possible limit. Long ago he determined that few if any new improvements should be begun with money allowed at this session.

This resolve, of course, is chiefly due to the fact that he is a Presidential candidate. Back of him and supporting him are some of the most ardent Republican leaders, and gradually these men are compelling the better political sense to realize and understand the necessity for curtailing governmental expenditures on the eve of a national campaign, so that the Republicans will not go before the country at a disadvantage by reason of increased expenditures over those of the last Democratic Congress.

In order to more effectively carry out this program of economy, the leaders have determined to in every possible way curtail the duration of the session. Some now mention as early a date as the 21st of April for adjournment. Even those regarded as conservatives and but a week to this estimate.

PRINTERS BACK THEM UP.

Indorse the Stand of Labor Regarding the Brewery Trouble. At a meeting of Typographical Union No. 401, held yesterday afternoon at the Temple, the Union put itself in line with other organized bodies of labor in the District in the matter of the "beer boycott" and union claims.

The meeting was very largely attended. The following resolutions, as reported by the secretary for adoption, indicate the action taken by the body in this matter: "Resolved, That the secretary notify the different proprietors of summer resorts that none of our members will be allowed to participate in any excursion during the season, unless nothing but union beer and union cigars are sold at said resorts. Also that no contract for advertising by the entertainment committee for an excursion by the Union unless said resorts handle nothing but union beer and union cigars."

Resolved, That a fine of \$5 be placed upon any member of this union who publishes any man who deals in "booted beer or cigars."

The Union, after duly considering the matter, elected three delegates to a meeting to be held next Sunday at Typographical Temple for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a branch of the American Federation of Labor in this city.

While the delegates go untroubled, it is the general impression, if it is shown that the establishing of another union in the body in the District will be for the betterment of organized labor, that they will favor the establishment of such a branch.

BEFORE THE SECULAR LEAGUE.

Two Addresses Made on the Sunday Question. Notwithstanding the inclement weather yesterday afternoon a good audience gathered at the weekly mass meeting of the Secular League.

Dr. W. A. Croft presided. He told of the hearing last Wednesday before the House Judiciary Committee on the Moore deoctrine Constitutional amendment, and related many amusing incidents connected therewith.

He then introduced Mr. Franklin Steiner of Des Moines, Ia., who spoke on the "Theocratic Conspiracy."

Next Sunday Dr. W. A. Croft will address the league on "Travels in Palestine," and an intellectual treat is anticipated.

SWEETHEART HIS ACCUSER.

Clarence Ashton Behind the Bars for Stealing Her Savings. Clarence Ashton is a light-fingered colored boy who has a faculty for acquiring other people's belongings without paying for them.

He has never been considered seriously, however, until yesterday, and now he is behind the bars charged with housebreaking in the night. Clarence called in the best girl, but she was out. He waited an hour for her to come home, and when she didn't he left with the parlor clock, some clothing and his sweetheart's savings, tied up in a handkerchief.

Clarkson in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 15.—The Alhambra hotel was formally opened here yesterday by Hon. J. S. Clarkson of Iowa, who is touring California in the interest of his candidate.

George Was a "Suspicious."

George Gordon, colored, nineteen years old, was arrested yesterday by Policemen Gordon and Jackson on No. 2 station charged with being "suspicious."

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**WILL BE ANGEL VISITORS**

Capitol Police Working for an Earthly Paradise.

THE CHIEF'S QUEER AMBITION  
Dislikes to Make Arrests and Never Boasts of the Number—Argues with Wrong-doers.

Capt. A. P. Garden, chief of the Capitol police, has a queer ambition for a police officer.

Instead of being proud of the number of arrests his force can make, and boasting of the activity of his men, he, on the other hand, is rather ashamed. He does not like to see his patrolmen, far from it. He sees that every officer is doing the mark all the time and keeps them right to it.

But he has an ambition to run the Capitol without making an arrest. He thinks he will succeed in this some of these days. He is cutting down the number of arrests each month, and soon hopes that the Capitol will be a place where no one would be arrested. Even the greatest optimist does not hope for a millennium among Congressmen for a year or two. Of course, Captain Garden or Colonel Bright are not responsible for the last statement.

THE ARRESTS MADE. The position of chief of police at the Capitol is one that is hard to fill. This officer must act as a judge, and it is only in extreme cases that an offender goes to lock up. Even then he is sometimes cooled down by an hour's conference and then permitted to depart.

To show how the lenient rule of Capt. Garden works it is only necessary to read the figures which follow. In the month of December thirty-five arrests were made; in January, twenty-five, and in February only ten. Eight of the entire number were drunk, or men whose wounds were more or less affected. Book agents made a large portion of this number and they are the very hardest people the police have to look after.

Many of these plead ignorance of the law and are excused, but the second or third time representatives of the same house appear there is trouble. It is then that the offender is sent to No. 6 police station and locked up in police court next morning. A good severe fine from the arresting judge impresses the lesson on everybody.

The last dodge tried was among the page boys of the House. An officer found an agent of a photographing company trying to make arrangements to have the picture of the boys taken in a group. He was warned and told that his firm would be held responsible in the future if any more agents were found soliciting business in the Capitol.

COL. BRIGHT'S ESTIMATE. Col. Bright, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, thinks he has a jewel. He says Capt. Garden ranks with the best police officers in the country. He feels proud of him because he discovered him. He says he ought to remain in his present position, but that he will be called away sooner or later. Col. Bright, in speaking of the position, said:

"It is not a political position by any means. In 1879 I hunted out a man who did not know a single Senator. He remained for years, and all who knew Capt. Allen knew what a good officer he was. So it would be with Capt. Garden, but I know some one else will take him away."

There are twenty-nine members of the police force and they have supervision of the entire Capitol. The number will be increased when the millennium arrives.

STRUCK WITH A WRENCH.

Emma and John Dobson Seriously Wounded by a Brutal Negro. Emma Dobson and John Dobson were dangerously wounded last night while attempting to rescue Rosetta Hayes, eleven years old, from the felonious clutches of William Pinkney. All the people mentioned are colored. The assault was made by the woman, who was the wife of the man who was killed at Emergency Hospital.

The trouble which came near resulting in a tragedy, took place between C and D streets, Delaware and First street northeast, and is populated by colored people, to whom want is not a stranger.

In another part of the court lives William Pinkney, a muscular negro, of turgid temperament and impetuous habits. Since the death of his wife, he has been the little family in various ways, and often made threats of extermination. Rosetta was seated on a rolling log, which forms the steps of the front porch. Pinkney approached her. He had been drinking and was warlike.

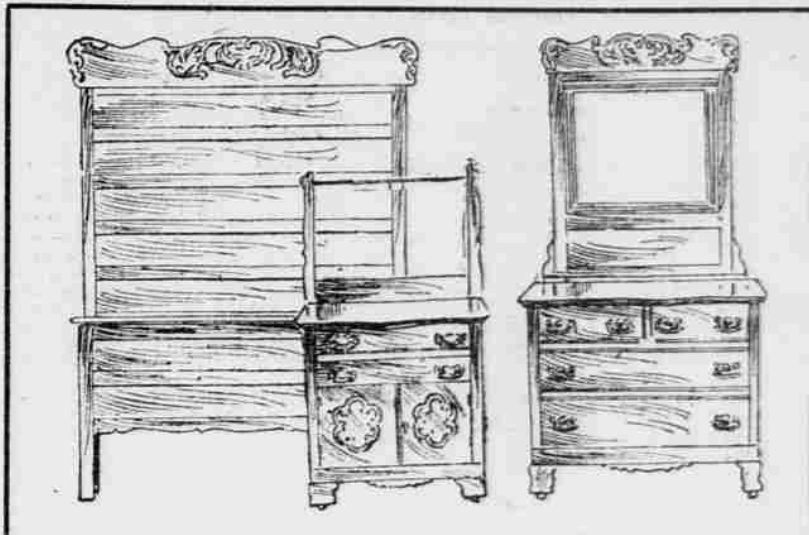
He grasped the little girl, threw her to the wet ground and would have done her bodily harm had not her mother responded to the child's cries for succor. The mother rushed upon Pinkney with fury and snatched the child from him. Pinkney picked up a monkey wrench and dealt the woman a crushing blow on the top of the skull, causing her to reel backwards. As she was falling, he struck her above the left eye, laying bare the skull. The poor woman fell, bleeding and unconscious, to the muddy roadway which winds before the shanty.

The son John, seeing his mother fall, attacked her assailant and was knocked unconscious. Rosetta continued her screams, which brought to the spot the denizens of Murray's Bottom, and Pinkney fled in the darkness. The police were notified and the mother and son were conveyed to the Emergency Hospital in the patrol wagon of the Sixth precinct.

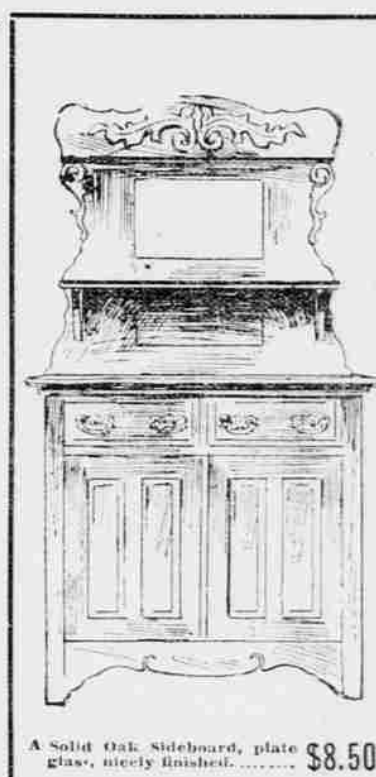
The injury to the woman was pronounced serious, but the son escaped with two ugly scalp wounds. Late in the night Pinkney was arrested by Policemen Hayes.

## THIS WEEK'S LOW PRICES.

We will inaugurate this week another whirl of low prices in Furniture, etc. The tremendous reductions run through every department, and buying is an easy task when our new credit plan is used—in fact, a pleasure. All previous efforts will be eclipsed this week, and our record of low prices will be surpassed. An early visit today will convince you.



This very handsome, 3-piece, Oak Bedroom Suite, beveled plate glass, serpentine top, fine finish..... **\$17.50**  
A large Oak Bedroom Suite, 50-inch case, 38-inch washstand, 30x36 French bevel plate glass..... **\$32.50**



Handsome cherry frame, silk damask Parlor Suite, **\$30.50.**  
Good rattan Baby Carriage, **\$4.50.**  
3-quart enameled iron Coffee Pot, **35c.**  
Handsome cherry frame, silk plush Parlor Suite, **\$28.50.**  
3-quart enameled iron Sauce Pot, **20c.**  
Magnificent 50-inch quartered oak top, 18x40 French plate glass Sideboard, **\$21.75.**  
17-quart enameled iron Dish Pan, **55c.**  
18-inch top, brass feet, Oak Table, **98c.**  
A Solid Oak Sideboard, plate glass, nicely finished..... **\$8.50**  
This handsome brass and white enameled iron bedstead, all sizes..... **\$4.50**

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\$45 CHAMBER SUITES—very massive..... **29.85**  
\$15 SIDEBOARDS—solid polished oak..... **9.35**  
\$9 CHEFFONIERES—solid oak—5 drawers..... **5.65**  
\$6 6-FT. EXTENSION TABLES—solid oak..... **3.35**  
\$1.50 DINING CHAIRS—solid oak—high back..... **0.98**  
\$2.50 WOOD ROCKERS—large—high back..... **1.39**  
\$3.50 TABLES—oak or mahogany finish..... **2.10**  
\$1 SEWING ROCKER—maple frame, red seat..... **0.59**  
\$5 CORNER CHAIRS—upholstered in silk brocatelle..... **3.35**  
\$12.50 COUCHES—upholstered in silk tapestry..... **8.35**  
\$18 COUCHES—in corduroy—tufted seats..... **11.90**  
\$3 JAPANESE RUGS—6 ft. x 3 ft.—best quality..... **1.49**  
\$1 CHENILLE TABLE COVERS—6-4, fringed..... **0.46**  
\$0.15 SILKOLINE—36 in. wide—best quality..... **0.06**  
\$3 NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS—3½ yds. long, 60 in. wide..... **1.39**  
\$0.50 WINDOW SHADES—spring rollers..... **0.29**  
\$1 FRENCH TAPESTRY—50 inches wide..... **0.42**

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Misses' Boys' Children's Shoes—Best make—Spring Heels—**75 & 98c** splendid values at....

Another lot of finer grade—also for Sunday wear. **\$1.25 & \$1.48** at....

Ladies' Spring Heel Shoes—in all styles of toe—and every size and width—hand-sewn shoes. **\$1.48 & \$1.98** at....

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Ladies' Lace and Button shoes, all sizes and with stylish toes. **98c** at....

Handsome Ladies' Shoes, full value for \$2.00—also sizes and width—newest style toes—in close at **\$1.98**

Ladies' Hand-sewn Fine Shoes, Button and Lace, all sizes and widths—come in opera, razor, and common sense—worth \$2.00—**\$2.48** at....

Ladies' Cloth Top Shoes—just the thing for present wear, worth from \$2.00 to \$2.50. To close at **\$2.50**

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